

Earth Challenge: The Choice is Rs!

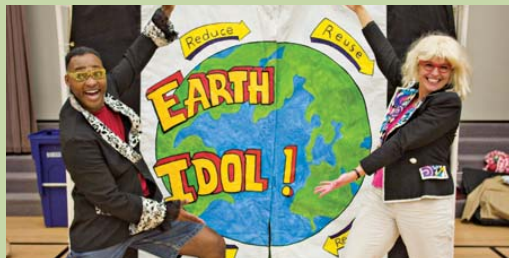
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What teachers say about the King County assembly program

Thank you, once again, for an exciting and motivational assembly at Terminal Park. We look forward to your assemblies and workshops every year, not just because of their entertainment value, but because of the great message it gives to our students.

—Assembly coordinator, Terminal Park Elementary



Very informative! So much data presented in an entertaining way. You had their attention from start to finish.

—Sixth-grade teacher,
Emerald Park Elementary

Wow! This was the best! The kids loved it. Thank you for helping to facilitate this very important discussion.

—Fourth-grade teacher, Smith Elementary

The program is so good, year after year. I continue to learn things!

—Second-grade teacher, Cascade View Elementary

The bottom line is...The assembly was FANTASTIC!!! Our student body and faculty raved about the program and their excitement to participate.

—Principal, Kings Elementary

The assembly tied right into the life science kits that we all teach each year.

—Fifth-grade teacher, Newport Heights Elementary

For more information on these and other programs, visit www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste and select *Education and School Assistance* from the drop-down menu.

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Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

**2008-2009 Elementary
School Assembly Program! FREE**

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Call 206-583-0655 today!

I think the assembly is great! Students love it! Humor is tied in with important messages which help kids learn...they're listening and engaged... the workshop is also fun and reinforces recycling ideas and messages. —Second-grade teacher

From the King County Solid Waste Division

Step 1 – Schedule the assembly

Assembly “Earth Challenge: The Choice is Rs”

This **FREE**, live assembly show for grades K-6 will engage your students and staff alike as they learn how to make choices that contribute to a cleaner school, community, and planet. In this brand new show (in both primary and intermediate versions), actors Terence and Angela entertain, while presenting typical situations at home and at school that demonstrate how to

- keep waste out of the landfill through reuse and recycling.
- separate your “trash” for recycling, reuse, composting, and garbage.
- get everyone in the family and in the classroom to participate!

Students will have fun taking part in the Earth Challenge. Intermediate students will learn the connection between waste reduction and recycling practices and global warming.

The assembly is available September 2008 through March 2009. Sign up now - registration is limited!

NOTE: Schools with over 350 students should plan on two shows: one primary and one intermediate, each 45 minutes long. Please allow 15 minutes between shows. King County schools outside the city of Seattle are eligible for the program.

Step 2 – Sign up for workshops

Classroom Workshops for Grades 1-6

Schools receiving the assembly may schedule up to three classroom workshops for a day following the assembly. Workshops reinforce the assembly messages, engage your students, and inspire their ideas for a healthier environment. You can mix and match up to three workshops that either build on assembly lessons, or prepare classes to take on an action project to reduce

waste and protect habitat (Green Team Workshops).

All workshops are tied to essential learnings with an emphasis on science and communication.

For a list of the related EALRs, visit www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste and select *Education and School Assistance* from the drop-down menu or call 206-583-0655.

Step 3 – Get Green Team Assistance

Information and Assistance for Green Teams

A Green Team is a group of students that takes on environmental projects to make a difference in their class, school or community. In addition to the Green Team workshops included with the assembly, King County provides FREE materials and ongoing assistance

on projects of your choice throughout the school year. Please contact a Green Team Specialist at 206-583-0655 or greenteam@triangleassociates.com.

Note: Classrooms whose schools do not sign up for the assembly are still eligible for Green Team assistance.

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to sign your school up for this FREE program
in the 2008-2009 school year.



Select up to 3 workshops — you can mix and match!

Assembly workshops are 45 minutes; project-oriented Green Team workshops take 60 minutes.

PRIMARY: Grades 1-3

Healthy Habitat – Explore the basic components of habitat—food, water, shelter, and space—through discussion and examples. Students play a game that introduces them to some native Northwest animals, the types of habitat they need, and simple ways to protect them. Students then make the connection between their actions and healthy habitat.

Introduction to Recycling – Understand the concepts of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling at home and in school. Students sort recyclables and learn how contamination and improper sorting can be a problem.

The workshop wraps up with a fast-paced quiz game. By the end of the workshop, students have a clear understanding of what can be recycled and what can't.

Rethink and Reuse – This hands-on workshop teaches students how using something again can make a difference for the environment. After a quick-paced activity that provides real-life examples of how to substitute disposable items with reusables, the class engages in a reuse project that demonstrates how reusing can be both functional and fun. Students may create envelopes, pop-up cards, picture frames, or twig notebook pads.

INTERMEDIATE: Grades 3-6

Earth Smart Choices: Learn to be Waste-Free – As they examine popular lunch and snack products, students learn about packaging and how their consumer habits affect the environment. They learn to recognize packaging that is wasteful and compare it with packaging that is reusable, recyclable and makes less waste. At the end of the workshop, students plan a waste-free lunch or snack.

Garbology 101 – What do a 20-year-old hot dog and a newspaper from 1956 have in common? They can both be found in our local landfill. What happens to the things we throw in the trash? With hands-on activities, students will “dig into” what is a landfill, the simple science of decomposition, and the importance of the four Rs.

Habitat Stewardship – This more advanced habitat workshop introduces the concept of “stewardship,” providing an in-depth look at the necessary components of habitat and the roles we play in keeping it healthy. Students examine their personal choices and their impacts on the environment as they learn about several native Northwest animals and their habitats.

Recycling Leadership – For classes ready to be leaders within their school, this workshop goes beyond basic recycling. Through hands-on activities and games, students learn proper sorting of recyclables, discuss recycling problems within the school, and brainstorm ways to address them through research, skits, posters, intercom announcements and other strategies. (*Green Team Workshop– 1 hour*)

ALL GRADES

Worm Bins- Food Composting – Everything you need to know about setting up and maintaining your worm bin is explained. Students learn how composting is a big part of the four Rs and how worm bins cut down on garbage. The presenter brings red wiggler worms to your classroom. All you need to supply are the container and bedding (newspaper and leaves) to start a worm bin. (*Green Team Workshop–1 hour*)

Environmental Leadership – For students ready to become habitat stewards, this workshop assists students in planning a project such as picking up litter, organizing a waste-free lunch, adopting a garden, or other stewardship project of their choice. Students may use writing, drama, or art skills to develop letters, posters, announcements, skits, or other techniques to share their findings with the larger community and encourage conservation behaviors. (*Green Team Workshop– 1 hour*)

I just wanted to say THANK YOU for coming to my classroom and teaching the kids all about Garbology. The kids really enjoyed your presentation and learned so much. I think it is so important to educate the future generation about how important it is to recycle and reuse and really re-think what we are throwing away and how we can reuse items.

—Fourth-grade teacher, Fall City Elementary

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